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Gov. Perdue Announces 116 Jobs with Superior Essex
Company plans expansion in Edgecombe County

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue announced today that Superior Essex Inc., a global leader in the design, manufacture and supply of wire and cable products, intends to open its second manufacturing facility in Tarboro. The company plans to create an additional 116 jobs over five years and invest incrementally more than \$58 million in the facility. The project was made possible in part by a state grant from the Job Development Investment Grant program.

“My top priority is jobs, and the competition for them is fierce,” Gov. Perdue said. “Once again we won the day with our job-ready workforce, business friendly climate and outstanding infrastructure – the results of our policies and hard-fought investments in education and worker training.”

This project will provide the infrastructure and equipment for Superior Essex to manufacture power cables for the commercial, industrial and utility markets. Superior Essex, based in Atlanta, has an 80-year company heritage in the production and supply of cable and wire products for many commercial and industrial applications. Superior Essex is part of LS Cable, a multi-industry corporation with approximately 10,000 employees and more than 70 offices in 24 countries. LS Cable supplies a wide range of energy and telecom solutions for the energy, infrastructure, construction, automotive, railway, telecommunications and electronic industries.

While individual wages for the 116 jobs will vary by job function, the overall average for the new jobs will be \$41,289 a year, not including benefits. The Edgecombe County average annual wage is \$33,176.

“We are extremely pleased to be expanding our business into the power cable market segment and to be partnering with the state of North Carolina in the process,” said Stephen Carter, CEO of Superior Essex Inc.